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## Letter from Elias Baker to Anna Clemson, 1864 February 8

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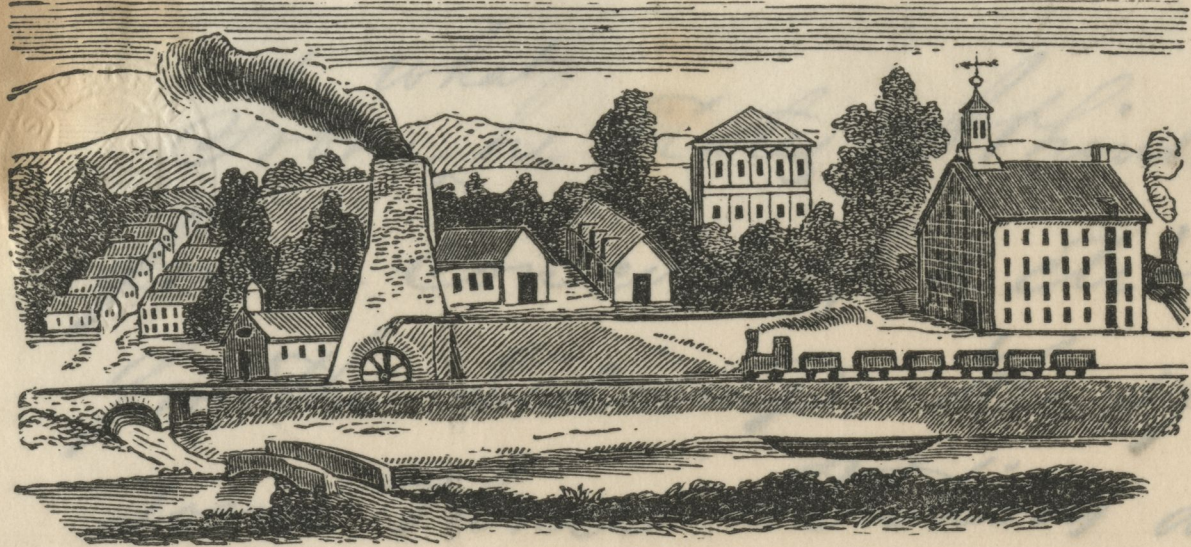
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# Alleghany Furnace,

Near Altoona, Pa.

Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 1864

Mrs A. C. Clemison

Your valued favor of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. came to hand by this evening's mail. I returned from Lancaster this morning where I was under treatment of the Physician since Wednesday last for my Rheumatism. He gave me one day's "Fulough" after yesterday's treatment so I left there this morning at 1.0. o'clk. and will leave for there again tomorrow morning at 8.0. am & arrive there about 3 P.M. in time to have a treatment. I yet after 5 treatments do not feel much change hope it may affect a cure in time.

I did not meet with Mr. Bartholomew on Tuesday last as I expected <sup>in Phila<sup>a</sup></sup> but heard from <sup>him</sup> since. he states he will not be ready to go to the Furnace until the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. I regret he did not succeed getting there as soon as he expected (on 15<sup>th</sup> inst.)

I rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from Dr. Moran dated 2 inst. regret he did not receive my first letter in due time as there is that much time lost



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From the States I think it looks favorable  
for a concert of action in that vicinity  
for the siding. He speaks of getting up  
some three Petitions and when numerous  
signed to send them to me to attend  
to it in person. I think that would  
be very impolitic, it certainly would be  
better and have more influence with  
the Officers of the Road if they were  
presented by one or more influential  
persons of that Vicinity. I have just  
now written to him to that effect. I hope  
he Mr Crawford & others may interest  
themselves in the matter & succeed in  
getting it soon reconstructed.

I will not have an opportunity of seeing  
Mr Blair soon, being from home. he  
no doubt according to his promise to me  
will let you know or call to see you  
when he visits Washington.

If I hear of any change about the  
prisoners of Johnston's Island I  
will of course let you know. I hope  
Calhoun will not be any the worse of the  
change of the officer there. I found  
all well at home this morning & all  
join me in kind regards & love to you all.

Truly & affectionately Yours

Elias Baker